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1. In early October 1955 Georgi Kostov, member of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, ministry officials, and secretaries of the largest cooperative farms participated in a conference at the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Veselin Petrov, assistant to the Ministry's chief agronomist, spoke on the 1955 wheat harvest. He announced that the results of the 1955 wheat harvest were 20 percent less than the May 1955 estimates and 25 percent less than anticipated by the 1954 fall plan.
3. With 2.5 acres [decares?] as the basic unit of measurement, 470 kilograms was the maximum harvest in a cooperative farm, and only four cooperative farms attained 450 kilograms. These farms, however, planted wheat on a maximum area of 80 acres. Sixteen farms harvested 350-450 kilograms of wheat on a 200 acre area. The average cooperative-farm yield was 135 kilograms.
4. The average yield of private farms was 90-110 kilograms, a figure which, Petrov warned, could not be accepted at face value since peasants deliberately falsify figures in order to decrease deliveries to the state.
5. Harvest figures for state farms were not made public.

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